

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF NEW LPG AGENCIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has invited new tenders to open more LPG agencies in all the districts of Tamil Nadu to meet the demand of the public in the State ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the new agencies are likely to be opened;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open LPG agency in Gandarvakkottai of Pudukkottai district in Tamil Nadu ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): Notices inviting applications for selection of LPG distributors have been issued in February 2008 by OMCs for establishing 125 new LPG distributors in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has intimated that Gandarvakkottai of Pudukkottai district in Tamil Nadu has been selected for setting up of a LPG distributor under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY).

The selection of LPG distributorships is made by OMCs themselves, in terms of laid down guidelines. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances. It is not possible to indicate any time frame for setting up of LPG distributorships, but every effort is made to do so as quickly as possible.